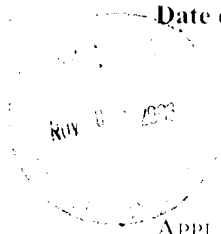


Express Mail Label No.: EV328183032US

Date of Deposit: November 3, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 17811-014 CIP (M-14 CIP)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Hunziker *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/546,269

EXAMINER: Witz, Jean C.

FILING DATE: April 10, 2000

ART UNIT: 1651

FOR: IMPROVED KERATINOCYTE CULTURES AND USES THEREOF

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

NOV 07 2003

RECEIVED

MAIL STOP AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2003
Boston, Massachusetts

RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed May 1, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time accompanied by the appropriate fees. With the extension, this response is due on or before November 3, 2003 (November 1, 2003 being a Saturday). Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 17811-014 CIP (M-14 CIP).

A listing of the currently pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.